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Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know whether medical inspection of girls will be made compulsory in the coming year in case it is found feasible ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Not in the coming year ; the proposals are under consideration."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether they follow up their reports by further action ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" When the inspection reports are received they are communicated to the parents."

Opening of girls' schools in South Kanara.

* 1682 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of girls' schools have been opened in South Kanara and other districts either in a portion of school buildings used for boys or in their close neighbourhood ; and

(b) whether the Government have considered how they could avoid payment of double grants in such cases ?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know whether the Government will be pleased to get the necessary information on this matter ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Yes, Sir. We have asked the Director of Public Instruction for it."

Vocational schools in the Presidency.

* 1683 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many vocational schools there are in this province ;
(b) where they are situated ;
(c) the strength of each ;
(d) which of them are under private management ;
(e) whether any grants are given and if so, how much for each ;
(f) whether any schools were started during the current year ; and
(g) the nature of vocational training in each school ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the Annual Report on Public Instruction in the Madras Presidency, particularly the statistics under the head 'Special Education' in Volume II and the subsidiary tables appended to the volume.

Local Boards

Renewal of the lease of the steamer 'Nell' by the West Godavari District Board.

* 1684 Q.—Mr. J. Bheemayya : With reference to the answer given to the supplementary question to question No. 483 answered on 23rd March 1927, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have called for an explanation from the President, District Board, West Godavari, for the renewal of the lease of the District Board steamer 'Nell' without stipulating the payment of any money to the District Board ;

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken on the same; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to lay the explanation and their orders on the table of the House?

A.—The Government have not called for any explanation as under the rules the grant of a ferry lease is a matter within the discretion of the President, District Board.

Alleged suspension of a teacher in the Board High School, Angadipuram.

* 1685 Q.—Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a teacher named M. K. Raman Nayar employed in the Board High School, Angadipuram, was suspended for two months by the District Board President, Malabar, for observing hartal on the 3rd February 1928;

(b) whether the said teacher had stated in his application for casual leave for that day that he wanted to observe hartal;

(c) whether the Government have issued instructions that mere absence on leave with whatever motive is tantamount to participation in a political movement under rule 99 of the Madras Educational Rules;

(d) whether there is any rule that a teacher employed in Government school or board school should entertain particular views on politics and none other;

(e) whether the said teacher when threatened with punishment had expressed regret for his conduct and whether he was suspended in spite of such expression of regret; and

(f) whether the hon. Minister proposes to interfere in the matter and cancel the said order?

A.—(a) Yes.
(b) Yes.
(c) No.
(d) No.
(e) Yes.
(f) No.

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR:—"May I know for what offence under the Educational Code or any other Code this man was punished?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"It is within the discretion of the District Board President to award any punishment he chooses to his subordinates."

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR:—"For what offence has he been punished?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"That is a matter for the District Board President."

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR:—"May I know, Sir, from the hon. the Minister for what offence this M. K. Raman Nayar has been punished, is it for observing hartal or for being absent from school?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"For breaking the discipline of the school."

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